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Honorable Michael G. Takac
Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit
Lake County, FL

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Dear Honorable Judge Takac,

MARK A. NACKE

CLERK OF CIRCUIT
AND COUNTY COURT
LAKE COUNTY
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FELONY DIVISION

I am writing this letter in regards to the Renwick CHILD ABUSE criminal case #2010 CF 002301. I am writing in the hope that you will remove ALL 4 children from this violent, abusive & loveless home. I myself am a parent of four young children all under the age of 10 and am fully aware of the challenges of raising children. What occurred to these children is INEXCUSABLE. It is clearly child abuse BOTH physically and emotionally. It is not the case of a good parent snapping on a bad day. What was done to [REDACTED] & the other children was well thought out, enforced & repeated over and over and over again. I truly hope you read my letter in it's entirety as I am convince these children's young lives are at stake.

"The System" has already FAILED these children by placing them with two people who were clearly unfit to be entrusted with children's lives.....PLEASE, PLEASE do not let the system fail them AGAIN!

I believe most children no matter how they are abused, would say that they want to go back to the only parents they know. This may occur out of fear of the unknown or sadly because they don't know that things can and should be better. This is the only life most of them have known. And a cruel life it has been for the [REDACTED] children. This is no reason to put a child BACK in harm's way. The main factor to consider is the best place for the children EMOTIONALLY & PHYSICALLY....today and in the future. They will thank you one day. The WORST place for [REDACTED] is with Mikelann & Steve Renwick or anyone connected or closely related to them. The Renwick's do not deserve to have ANY contact with the children for fear of further mental abuse.

**It would be UNJUST to return ANY of the children to the Renwick's.

**If only [REDACTED] was removed what message does that send the other 3 children?? What value does that show adults place on his life or theirs? It would tell them that if a child has any problems the parents have a right to abuse them...and then just get rid of them.

** If returned these children would probably then live a life of fear not knowing when they would be removed for the same reason as [REDACTED]..... the Renwick's then have the opportunity to threaten the kids that they may also be taken away.

**This is [REDACTED]..Think of how a small child would feel about seeing a sibling repeatedly abused.....sleeping in the garage with the dog, only coming in for 2 vegetable meals a day, whipped till [REDACTED] bled, beaten & bruised from head to toe, not allowed to speak.....etc.

** This all devastates a child's developing self esteem.



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The following are my 2 eyewitness accounts:

1) Three of my children attend the same dance studio that 2 of the Renwick's children also attended, The School of Performing Arts in Fern Park, Florida. One afternoon (I believe last April 2010) I pulled in to a parking space & instantly noticed [REDACTED] standing in front of my car with [REDACTED] back toward a chain link fence. I immediately looked around for a parent on an adult but no one was in site. This alarmed me because this parking lot gets very busy with cars pulling in and out during class times. I then convinced myself [REDACTED] must live in the surrounding neighborhood & walked over. I was extremely bothered by this for 2 main reasons. 1) The [REDACTED] looked to be no older than [REDACTED] & a child of that age should not be left alone in a parking lot for obvious safety reasons. 2) Most disturbing & what really caused alarm was the way [REDACTED] was standing. [REDACTED] had the most hollow blank expression that I have ever seen on a child. [REDACTED] was standing a still as a statue with [REDACTED] arms laying flat at [REDACTED] side. I know first hand that young children find it difficult to stand that still for any amount of time. I continued to observe [REDACTED] as I gathered my belonging & my children before we walked in. I was very concerned & wondered if I should stop & talk to [REDACTED] I quickly decided the best thing to do was get my children safely in their classes first, tell the owners of the school & then check on the [REDACTED]. As I walked in the school, I then noticed a tall blond haired white woman (Mikelann Renwick) motioning with her arm for someone to "come here"it was the [REDACTED] then slowly walked over to the woman.

Part of me was relieved that [REDACTED] "belonged" with someone. However, I was very much haunted by [REDACTED] little EXPRESSIONLESS face & [REDACTED] FROZEN posture. I then went in to watch my girls' dance classes. I stepped out to my car during class at one point to get something when a friend of mine , Stacy Brown, stopped me in the parking lot. She look very troubled about something & told me she just felt sick inside...I quickly interrupted her and said "Is it about that [REDACTED] that was in the parking lot?" She was shocked by my question and said "YES!" She than told me what she witnessed from inside the dance studio. (Please, read the enclosed letter from Stacy Brown for her personal account.) After hearing that the [REDACTED] was forced to stand ALONE in a busy parking lot, at least 80 feet from the entrance for wetting [REDACTED] pants. Also, that the father showed up shortly after, lifted the [REDACTED] off the ground from [REDACTED] shoulder took [REDACTED] to the car then returned the [REDACTED] to the room with a bloody lip and walking funny. Stacy & I felt like we had to do something but didn't know what was appropriate in fear that the child would be harmed even more. We decided to inform the Ballet instructor, Gina, after class. Gina was terribly upset and went straight in to the owners of the school to tell them of the account. The owners told her that if she did not witness something herself she could not do anything. I now know that this is not true.

2) One other day soon after I walked in the studio to noticed [REDACTED] sitting alone in an empty corner of the studio in the pitch dark. This time I walked up to [REDACTED] and said "Hi honey are you alright?" [REDACTED] did not respond or even twitch & gave me the same haunting blank stare I witnessed in the parking lot the first time I saw [REDACTED] I then asked "Do you want me to turn the light on? Again no response just a blank stare. I tuned the

light on for [REDACTED] anyway & had to rush off to get my daughter dressed. I felt so sad for [REDACTED]

I KNEW my gut instinct was right. I have been sick about this ever since & have lost sleep many nights thinking of the little innocent [REDACTED] child. I wish I knew that I could have done something more. I will next time. Stacy also told me of numerous events that occurred almost on a weekly basis regarding the treatment of all the [REDACTED]

As I stated earlier, I am fully aware of how difficult parenting is and most of us have done or said things at some point we later regretted. This is NOT one of those times. Mikelann & Steve Renwick intentionally & repeatedly caused physical & mental abuse to all of those children.

I am convinced that the only reason The Renwick's brought [REDACTED] to the hospital was for fear that they would be charged with murder since their abuse nearly killed [REDACTED] this time.

I thank God that [REDACTED] did not die & I pray all four of these children will be placed in caring, patient, nurturing homes that will love & respect the little people they are.

Mikelann and Steve Renwick have repeatedly shown that they are UNFIT to take care of ANY child EVER again.

It would be a CRIME to allow them to "practice" their skills on another child...they have permanently damaged 4 souls already.

PLEASE LET THE CHILDREN KNOW:

**** They do have rights.**

****Their lives are precious and valuable.**

****No one has a right to humiliate, violate or damage your being..especially your parents.**

****The laws in our WONDERFUL USA are fair and just.....and that the legal system works !!**

Please make the RIGHT decision for the children. My ultimate hope is that you Deny Mikelann & Steve Renwick custody and any access to ALL FOUR children and prosecute them so they spend a LONG time in prison for the heinous CRIME of nearly killing a young boy and devastating the lives of three other children. The children's lives are in your hands.

Respectfully,


Nancy H. Myers